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AUDITOR'S OFFICE, }
GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 16, 1854. }

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the
Territory of Utah, in Legislature Assembled:----

GENTLEMEN:—

I HAVE the honor to present to your Body the Auditor's Annual Report of Public Accounts. Owing to the very great want of punctuality in the various Officers of the Territory to make the requisite reports to this Office, upon which the Auditor has necessarily, in a great measure to depend for the information which ought to be embodied in his General Report; it is impossible for me to lay before you a full, or satisfactory account of the present condition of any of the Public Improvements.

I must therefore crave your indulgence for the brevity of this Report.

Since my Report to His Excellency the Governor, on the 2d Nov. last, there have been additional reports

from some of the Collectors, showing additional assessments; as also additional issues on the Treasury, which will in some measure change the sums total as contained in that Report. The following Table shows the amount of Revenue to be derived from the General Assessment of property for the year 1854 as far as reported, viz:—

Weber County Territorial Tax.....	\$745 76
Davis County “.....	805 00
G. S. Lake County “.....	4625 84
Tooele County “.....	251 39
Utah County “.....	885 42
Millard County “.....	113 21
Junab County “.....	67 76
San Pete County “.....	190 65
Iron County “.....	281 83
Green River County . “.....	87 86

\$7853 48

Showing a Revenue of seven thousand eight hundred and fifty three dollars and forty eight cents.....\$ 7,853 48

Add amount delinquent at last Report, Dec. 16, 1853..... 16,206 17

\$24,059 65

Amount collected for 1854.....\$4,631 82

Amount do of delinquent, 1850, '51, '52 and '53..... 243 64

Amount remitted 123 12

\$4,998 58

24,659 65

Showing a total delinquency at this date of.....\$19,061 07
As appears from the Reports on file in this office.

There has without doubt however, been a large share of this apparent delinquency collected and paid in to the Treasury; but of the amount I am as yet unapprised, owing to the negligence of the Collectors to make set-

lements with this Office—the Collectors of Weber, Davis, Millard, and Iron only having made such settlement.

I have issued Orders on the Treasury since my last Annual Report, Dec. 16, 1853, amounting to ten thousand seven hundred and thirty eight dollars and two cents, as follows, to wit:—

On account of Jordan Bridge.....	\$1,169 99
do Ogden and Weber Roads and Bridges.....	1,250 00
do Arsenal.....	173 28
do Indian Expeditions.....	867 39
do Coal Creek Kanyon Road.....	2,418 42
do Tithing Office.....	2,060 24
do Legislative Reporters.....	539 40
do Library.....	462 80
do Premiums on Flax.....	75 00
do Arms, &c.....	10 25
do Brand Recorder.....	150 00
do Cottonwood Canal.....	143 00
do Roads, &c.....	2 67
do Criminals.....	6 00
do Green River Co. Organization.....	50 00
do Auditor's Salary.....	200 00
do Mr. Tutt for Damages at Bear River Ferry.....	1,132 58
do Taxes overpaid Utah Co., in 1853.....	25 00

\$10,738 02

Amount in circulation at my last Report, Dec. 16, 1853..... 7,217 67

\$17,955 69

Of the above there has been redeemed at the Treasurer's Office per Treasurer's Report, Oct. 31, 1854.....

13,182 85

Showing an amount in circulation at date, of.....\$4,802 84

The Commissioner reports the amount received for Bridge at L. H. for the year.....

\$1,111 19

Expenditures for the year..... 220 09

\$891 10

The Cottonwood Canal very much out of repair, partially from water from the mountains in heavy rains, but principally from the practice of cutting passages through the embankments by evil-minded persons as yet unknown to the Commissioner, evidently with the view of letting the water escape, and destroying the Canal.

The Officers of the University have not yet made any Report to this Office for this or any previous year; nor am I at all advised as to the affairs of that Institution.

Two reports only, on the subject of raising Flax, have been made to this Office with a view of claiming the premiums provided for in the Resolution to "encourage the raising of Flax and Hemp?"

One by Wm. S. Muir of Davis county, to whom the Premium of Sixty Dollars was awarded.

Mr. Muir plowed one acre of black gravelly land in the fall after growing potatoes, plowed it again in the spring; sowed one and three fourths bushels of seed on the 27th of April, harrowed it in, harvested it on the 27th of July without irrigation, raised four hundred pounds of lint and twenty eight bushels of seed, being 2 1-2 pounds of lint and 5 6-10 quarts of seed to the square rod.

The other by the Hon. J. M. Grant, to whom was awarded the Premium of Forty Dollars.

Mr. Grant plowed one hundred and fifty four rods of black loam mixed with sand, in Davis county, on which

wheat was grown two years prior, and sowed broadcast one bushel and one fourth of seed, and harrowed it over twice; harvested on the 15th of August, without irrigation; raised 27 bushels and 40 pounds of the cleanest and best quality of seed received at the Tilling Office. — being 5 and a fraction less than 7-10 quarts to the square rod. The number of pounds of lint was not ascertained, but was sold in the stack for fifty dollars—and said by judges to be equal to that raised in the States.

There is no official information in this Office in relation to the Sevier or Jordan River Bridges, or any other of the Public Improvements, except as herein mentioned.

You will perceive by this imperfect and unsatisfactory Report, that there is a culpable neglect on the part of the various Officers of the Territory to forward their several Reports to this Office at the times required by the law, and my utter inability to do justice to those subjects which the law requires the Auditor to present in his Annual Report to your Honorable Body. It is with extreme regret, gentlemen, on my part, that I present you with so meager a Report.

Perhaps you will pardon me, if I suggest the propriety of attaching a penalty to the breach of those laws requiring reports to be made to this Office; and of passing a law authorizing and requiring some person to prosecute in case of such breach. It might also be advisable to provide that all delinquents from any part of the Territory shall be answerable to, and that all

such prosecutions may be had before, some competent tribunal in this city.

I remain gentlemen,

Your ob't. serv't.,

A. CALKIN,

Auditor, &c.

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